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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Randy HABERMAN et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: 2756

SERIAL NO: 09/002,187

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EXAMINER: VU, T.

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

ESTABLISHING A VIRTUAL

CIRCUIT IN AN ATM

NETWORK

FILED: DECEMBER 31, 1997

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 12, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in view of the discussion below.

Claims 1-29 are presently active in this case. All the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over <u>Bainbridge et al.</u> (U.S. Pat. No. 6,014,700) in view of <u>Koperda</u> (U.S. Pat. No. 5,790,806). Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness rejection for the reasons stated below.